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ANNUAL REPORT 2008

Foreword From The Board

2008 has been a year with many historic events and big changes on the global scene. It is a year that will not be forgotten soon. This annual report shows us that - away from the spotlight - a lot of work has also happened at the micro level. It tells us the story of how many ordinary people in Vietnam, Belgium, the Netherlands, and beyond put their international solidarity into practice. It tells us how this made a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children and youth in Vietnam, now and - thanks to the sustainable approach of EFD's work - for many years to come. It tells us of the daily hard work of a team of Vietnamese and international volunteers and staff who went the extra mile to collectively achieve actual results which are beyond any individual's reach. So let's not forget these positive stories. Moreover, let them be inspiring and motivate all of us to make 2009 an even more memorable year!

Who We Are

Education for Development (EFD) is a small, international non government organisation that was set up in 1996 by a Swiss volunteer and a Belgian volunteer who were teaching English to children on the streets in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

EFD has since increased its scope and number of activities, and has developed into a dynamic and multicultural team of staff and volunteers. EFD is recognised as having a genuine commitment towards projects that have sustainable outcomes and has an impressive record of successful projects.

EFD's program in Vietnam is governed by an Administrative Council in Europe, consisting of Council Members drawn from Belgium and The Netherlands. They mobilise financial support for the projects in Vietnam, monitor the accounts and the quality of services, and ensure that the mission and guiding principles are respected and promoted in all of EFD's projects.

Our Mission And Guiding Principles

EFD believes education improves the quality of life for disadvantaged children and youth. EFD strengthens and empowers local organizations, enabling them to improve and expand their educational services for disadvantaged children and youth. Through their development, disadvantaged children and youth can gain fair and equal access to education and training thereby developing themselves to their full potential.

EFD also believes that services that assist local children and youth directly should be implemented by local organizations. Accordingly, EFD identifies areas where we can assist local service providers so that the local organisation can plan and develop these activities independently.

EFD is guided by the following principles:

- **Sustainability:** All projects that EFD starts should have the potential to continue serving the disadvantaged children and youth after EFD stops its support.
- **Participation:** All projects of EFD should include the participation of the stakeholders and of the children in particular.
- **Information sharing:** EFD will share its experiences with all interested parties.
- **Rights of the child:** In all its projects, EFD stresses the rights of the child, especially the right to go to school.

EFD has no political or religious affiliations.

The Year In Review

In the past few years Vietnam has gone through a period of rapid socio-economic development. In 2008 the country experienced for the third consecutive year an 8% plus growth in its economy. Despite the advantages as a result of this growth, significant gaps in the Vietnamese society remain. One of the challenges Vietnam is facing is the delivery of quality education to all children and youth. Education for Development (EFD) contributes to this challenge by supporting local social organizations (LSOs) to improve the educational services they provide to disadvantaged children and youth.



Ms. Kirsten Theuns

As 2008 saw EFD entering into a new strategic period (2008-2010), we had an internal strategic review in the second half of the year to make our strategic goals operational and to draft activities for the coming three years. Strategic meetings were held which resulted in defined core activities, clear program outlines, increased staff understanding and commitment and realistic annual plans and budgets.

In 2008, EFD continued to provide support to LSOs in the areas where they have expressed their highest need. Through our Infrastructure Program, 8 organisations obtained small scale funding to improve the infrastructure needed for the functioning of their organisation. Three projects were carried over from 2007 and five new projects were started. Under our Training Program we continued supporting the Social Development Training Center (SDTC) in 2008. We provided funding, organisational development and financial management support to SDTC during the year and conducted a review to evaluate the project. As of the middle of the year we started developing our new Management and Advisory Service (MAS) Program. We organized a needs assessment workshop in September to get input from local social organisations on the management areas they most needed support in. This input was consolidated and served as a basis for developing the MAS Program further.

Besides our core, we took on some other initiatives in 2008. The innovative Entrepreneurship projects that EFD started implementing in 2007 have continued in 2008. Both pilots have been very successful and have resulted in the incorporation of entrepreneurship as an employment option in curriculums of our partner organisations. EFD was again the leading organisation in organizing International Volunteer Day with financial support from the UN.

Some staff changes took place at EFD during the year. In April Ms. Huynh Le Kim Nhu, the former Administrative Assistant of EFD migrated to New Zealand and was replaced by Ms. Vu Minh Ha. In June Ms. Kirsten Theuns took on the leadership role as the new Country Coordinator and replaced Ms. Abigail Schwartz who returned to Africa. In October Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Thuy, EFD's Training Program Officer (PO) left EFD after working for the organization for seven years. In a new PO will take on her role.

Once again in 2008 EFD has been supported by lots of national and international volunteers that have made invaluable contributions to our organisation. With the help of these volunteers EFD produced two newsletters, three volunteer newsletters, raised funds in country, developed a new website and organised a tremendously successful International Volunteer Day, all within twelve months.

We hope that this annual report will provide you with an insight into all the activities and results EFD has gained in 2008. As our success largely depends on support we receive from both individual and corporate donors, we hope to receive continued support from you in the future. Your contributions will make the difference in the lives of disadvantaged children and youth living in Ho Chi Minh City.

Thank you and enjoy reading!

Kirsten Theuns - Country Coordinator of Education for Development Vietnam

EFD's Programs

In 2008 we continued to support our local partners in the areas where they have expressed their highest need. We have provided training and infrastructure funding as proven intervention methods that can stimulate significant and lasting change. We have also developed a third program to provide management support which will further increase LSOs overall organisational capacity to ensure the sustainability to their work.

Training Program

EFD's Training Program focuses on two methods of supporting local social organisations. EFD provides staff of local organisations with the opportunity to participate in trainings to build their capacity to deliver quality education. Secondly, EFD supports educational providers to improve the services they provide to local social organisations.

In 2008 EFD focused on supporting the Social Development Training Center (SDTC). This training center has been established by EFD in partnership with Ton Duc Thang University (TDT) in 2004 and has received financial and organisational support by EFD ever since. This year EFD has focused on providing technical support to the staff of SDTC in organizing scheduled and tailor made training courses. SDTC staff has been trained by EFD on topics such as communication, evaluating training courses, facilitation, public speaking, and course management. EFD also participated in board meetings of SDTC in which strategic input was provided.



An in-class activity at SDTC

As a result of the capacity building efforts of EFD, SDTC has been able to conduct and coordinate the scheduled trainings independently from mid 2008 onwards. Also, in the last quarter of the year EFD has handed over the coordination of tailor made trainings to SDTC staff. With EFD's support SDTC organised the following training courses in 2008.

Scheduled Training Courses		
Training Course	# Days	# Participants
Living values and life skills for disadvantaged children / youth	4	12
Training for Trainers (3 modules)	8	14
Fundraising skills	3	9
Project management (2 modules)	6	14
People management	4	12
Team building skills	2	15
Fundraising skills	3	12
Project proposal writing skills	4	14
Social work skills in working with disadvantaged children / youth (2 modules)	6	14
Improved teacher's performance (3 modules)	8	10
Living values and life skills for disadvantaged children / youth (2nd)	4	26
Team building skills	2	16
Total number of people trained		168

Tailor Made Trainings		
Training Course	Client	# Participants
Modular Curriculum Development	EFD	12
Business Development Plan	EFD	21
Fundraising Skills (2x)	Save the children Sweden (Hanoi)	38
Living Values and Life Skills for Disadvantaged children/youth	HERKS –Vietnam	15
Edit lesson plan	Handicap International Belgium	24
Active teaching methods using Road Safety documents	Handicap International Belgium	24
Total number of people trained		157

All training courses were provided to staff of social organisations working in Ho Chi Minh City and the nearby provinces. Trainings were conducted by specialists in their fields and the choice of topics was decided upon as a result of feedback received from social workers.

As the four year agreement between EFD and Ton Duc Thang University concerning SDTC came to an end in December 2008, EFD decided to recruit an external consultant to review SDTC. The review took place in the last quarter of 2008 and the report will be finalized in the beginning of 2009. Based on the outcomes of this report, EFD will discuss further cooperation with the university regarding SDTC.

Management and Advisory Service Program

As outlined in EFD's strategic plan 2008-2010, EFD started to develop the new Management and Advisory Service (MAS) Program in the second half of 2008. Through this program EFD will provide Management and Advisory support to local organisations to build their capacity at an organisational level. The focus of the MAS program will be on the overall organisational needs of LSOs.

The MAS program was developed throughout 2008. To get input from local organisations on the management areas they felt they required the most support, we held a needs assessment workshop on the 26th of September. More than 40 people attended this workshop and based on their input and our own research we were able to categorize the main management areas for support under the MAS Program. In 2009 we will pilot the MAS Program and incorporate it fully into our core activities.



Children at Educational Center District 4

Infrastructure Program

EFD defines infrastructure as the basic facilities, resources, and installations needed for the functioning of an organisation. Through the Infrastructure Program EFD provides local organisations with the opportunity to obtain small scale funding for projects that create or strengthen educational opportunities for disadvantaged children and youth.

In 2008 EFD supported 7 local organisations through this program. Activities supported have included improving facilities, buying books, setting up a library and developing training systems.

Projects supported and concluded in 2008:

LSO	Partner Description	Project Objectives	EFD's Input	Results
HCMC Welfare Foundation	The foundation provides basic education, counseling services and awareness raising sessions to C&Y from poor communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To improve the educational environment of the foundation - To increase C&Y awareness on and to provide them with access to information on issues such as abuse, child trafficking, and HIV/AIDS 	EFD has provided funds for (i) the construction of a new building, (ii) the establishment of a small library with books, DVD's and other equipment, (iii) printing flyers and (iv) for staff training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new building was constructed - 271 C&Y received counseling services - 138 C&Y participated in awareness-raising sessions - 4 teachers have been trained on life skills education - 446 C&Y had access to new information
HCMC Association for the Support of Handicapped and Orphaned Children	The association provides social services, vocational training and support to orphaned and disabled youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To provide vocational training to disabled and orphaned adolescents 	EFD provided funds to set up 3 vocational training classes; motor-bike repair, domestic electricity and woodblock printing. Besides, EFD supported the association to organise job orientation sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 91 students received vocational training - 36 students completed vocational training in 2008 - 27 of 36 completed students found permanent employment
HCMC University of Pedagogy (first phase of the project)	The university educates students in special education and trains them to work with visually impaired C&Y	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To increase teachers skills and knowledge to educate students with visual impairments - To examine and train C&Y with low vision on the usage of magnifying glasses 	EFD supported the University to conduct a research on functional vision and techniques of using magnifying glasses. In addition, EFD contributed to the costs of training courses for teachers on how to educate students on using magnifying glasses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teaching methodologies and skills of teachers have been assessed - 39 teachers have been trained to educate visually impaired C&Y - 36 C&Y with low vision received special education - Research on special education has been conducted - A report has been written and 350 copies have been distributed

Projects started in 2008:

LSO	Partner Description	Project Objectives	EFD's Input	Expected Results
Catering and Hospitality School for Disadvantaged Children	The school provides vocational training for disadvantaged C&Y	- To improve the quality of vocational training by developing customized electronic teaching materials, and upgrading facilities	EFD has provided (i) a camera, projector (LCD) and colour printer, (ii) funds for the development by teachers of electronic training materials and manuals, (iii) furniture and books to establish a small library, and (iv) almost \$2,500 worth of small kitchen utensils for training purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 sets of electronic training materials and manuals have been developed - A new library has been established and is in daily use - 140 students have been trained by using the new manuals - 95% of students educated with the new manuals passed their graduation exam
HCMC Association of Saving Disabled Children - Sao Mai Computer Center for the Blind	The center develops IT systems and products for blind youth and provides them with computer training	- To develop an online training system for blind youth and educate 100 blind students on computer skills	EFD contributed in the development of an online training system and provided funds for 5 new computers, setting up a recording room and organizing training courses for around 100 blind students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An online training system for blind has been developed - Online textbooks, a quality recording room and computers are available and being used - It is expected at the end of 2009, 100 blind students will be trained
Anh Minh School for Deaf children	The school provides special education to C&Y with hearing and speaking difficulties	- To improve the quality of education offered by the school and enhance students' hearing, speaking and perception skills by developing customized teaching and learning materials, and by training the teachers	EFD has supplied a computer, projector, camera and other equipment which are already in use for the preparation and display of exciting new materials for the education of deaf children. EFD has also contributed to the costs of training four teachers at the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 157 children have been exposed to exciting new AV materials to help them understand the world around them - 4 teachers have been trained to use specific methods to train deaf students
District 4 Educational Center for Disabled Children and Youth	The centre provides vocational and life skills training and rehabilitation services to C&Y with disabilities	- To improve the educational environment of the centre by upgrading classrooms, restrooms and raising the low roof	EFD is contributing 83% of the cost of refurbishment which includes raising the height of roofs, installing ceilings, electric lines and water pipes, repainting etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The roof of the centre has been renovated and raised - Restoration has begun on the rest of the building

Other Initiatives

International Volunteers Day

International Volunteer Day (IVD) was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985 and is now celebrated world wide on 5th December. 2008 saw EFD coordinate IVD in Ho Chi Minh City with the aim being to highlight and thank volunteers for their contributions and to promote volunteerism.

The event was a huge success with volunteers, local and international organisations, the general public and local media all showing up to be part of the day. It was a day of celebration and fun activities giving volunteers an opportunity to come together and share their experiences and for people interested in volunteering to become aware of volunteer opportunities in Vietnam.



An activity during IVD 2008

Expansion to the Mekong

EFD's strategic plan 2008-2010 outlined EFD's decision to expand its focus to some provinces of the Mekong Delta. As part of an internal strategic review that took place in the second half of 2008, EFD decided to carry out a needs assessment looking at the viability and cost effectiveness of expanding its programs into the Mekong Delta Region.

Initial research along with the strategic review of EFD highlighted that EFD did not have the capacity to expand to the Mekong Delta region in the next two years and recommended that EFD focus on continuing to provide quality services in Ho Chi Minh City. Further expansion into areas outside of Ho Chi Minh City will be reviewed in the next strategic period.

Entrepreneurship

EFD piloted two entrepreneurship projects over 2007/08. This resulted in a partnership with Hoang Tam Sewing Centre (under the Ho Chi Minh Association for the Support of Handicapped and Orphaned Children) and a partnership with WISE/ARTEMISIA.

Hoang Tam Sewing Centre incorporated entrepreneurship as an employment option in their vocational training curriculums and the partnership with WISE involved the training of vocational training centres and youth in HCMC in the areas of business, marketing and social entrepreneurship.

A total of 42 students (between the ages of 15 to 24yrs) and 5 Managers were trained at Hoang Tam Sewing centre and 15 Vocational Training Centres throughout HCMC were trained in social entrepreneurship through the WISE partnership. In addition to Vocational Training Centres receiving social entrepreneurship training, a five day short course was delivered to 15 students at the Vocational Training Centres on how to develop a business plan for a social enterprise. From the training students developed business plans of which one was selected by WISE to further support the student in establishing his social enterprise.

EFD will continue to support local social organisations incorporating entrepreneurship into their curriculum through our MAS program. This will enable these organisations to build their management capacity and improve the standard of services offered to students participating in entrepreneurship training.

Finance

EFD VIETNAM:

Money available 1/1/2008:	28.987 USD
Money spent in 2008 in VN (excl. coordination costs VN):	112.735 USD
Income in 2008 (from VN):	58.714 USD
Income in 2008 (donated by EFD BE, NL and CH):	66.540 USD*
Money available 31/12/2008:	42.539 USD

Note: Slight differences compared to the donated amounts due to exchange rates

EFD BELGIUM (KANSEN VOOR KINDEREN):

Money available 1/1/2008:	58.683 Euro
Money donated in 2008 to EFD-VN:	37.572 Euro
Money spent in 2008 on Fundraising and PR in BE:	25.606 Euro
Income in 2008:	40.142 Euro
Money available 31/12/2008:	35.935 Euro

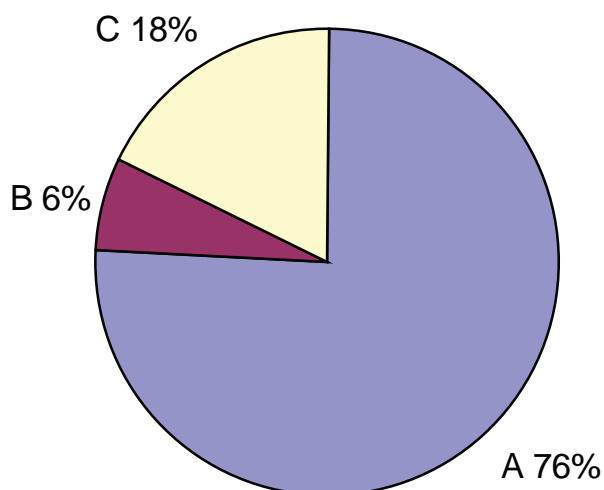
EFD THE NETHERLANDS (KANSEN VOOR KINDEREN):

Money available 1/1/2008:	10.226 Euro
Money donated in 2008 to EFD-VN:	10.381 Euro*
Money spent in 2008 on Fundraising and PR in NL:	8.892 Euro
Money spent in 2008 on Coordination costs EFD VN:	15.671 Euro**
Income in 2008:	54.386 Euro
Money available 31/12/2008:	29.668 Euro

* 6.322 Euro of this amount was donated by Enfants de La Rue du Vietnam (EFD's fundraising unit in Switzerland).

** 7.900 Euro of this amount was donated by Enfants de la Rue du Vietnam.

Expenditure breakdown EFD VN (including coordination costs):



A.	Program Costs:	76%
B.	Other initiatives:	6%
C.	Operational Costs:	18%

Human Resources

Abegail Schwartz worked as the Country Coordinator of EFD till she returned back to Africa in April 2008. Kirsten Theuns, coming from the Netherlands took on the leadership role after her.

Hoang Thanh Linh, who joined EFD in 2000, worked as Program Officer responsible for the Infrastructure Program. He also managed the two pilots on entrepreneurship during the year.

Nguyen Thi Thu Thuy has been working as Program Officer for EFD's Training Program till November 2008. In 2009 a new PO will take on her role.

In May, Vu Minh Ha joined EFD and replaced Huynh Le Kim Nhu, who migrated to New Zealand, as the Administrative Assistant.

During the year EFD has benefited from the support of lots of volunteers that contributed their time.

International Volunteers: John and Pene Stambollouian (UK), Carla Cristaudo (AUS), Michael Potter (NZ), and Ron van der Wegen (NL).

Local Volunteers: Nguyen Ngoc Le, Nguyen Thi Huong Giang, Tran Tu Minh, Hoang Thien Truc, Nguyen Thi Thu Thao, Nguyen Thi Kim Anh, Nguyen Thi Hong Phuc, Thai Hoang Vy, Doan Nhu Phuong, Le Minh Ngoc, Tran Phuong Trinh, Ho Dan Chi, Truong Thi Minh Vy, Nguyen Thi Hong Yen, Mai Tung, Le Vu Chau Giang, Nguyen Minh Tam, Tran Duc Huy, Truong Hoang Hanh Quyen, Truong Vu Thuy Loan, Nguyen Thi Hoai Anh, Mai Kim Khanh, Tran Thi Thao Nguyen, Tran Thanh Thu.



EFD staff and volunteers

EFD International

EFD-Belgium and EFD-The Netherlands have been mobilising financial support and monitoring the accounts and services of EFD-Vietnam during the year. After Ingrid ter Maat concluded her successful work as Coordinator in May 2008, the board of EFD-Belgium composed of the following volunteers for the management of the operations in Belgium: Timoer Reijnders, Sarah Van Grieken, Francine Dieltiens, Johan Berteloot, Elise Konings and Koen Van Acoleyen. The board reports to the General Assembly of EFD-Belgium which meets once a year. In The Netherlands, EFD hired Suzanne van Rooijen as Coordinator responsible for fundraising. Three founding members of the board of EFD-The Netherlands stepped down, keen to stay involved as volunteers and fundraisers. Three new board members, Trang Nguyen, Tien Nguyen and Marloes Kool, entered the EFD family. Together with Dennis Ratering and Dik van de Geer they are very motivated to dedicate their free time in favour of educational projects in Vietnam.



EFD Sponsors

EFD would like to thank the following organisations and companies that have supported us in 2008.

United Nations Volunteers, World bank, Child at Venture, WISE/ARTEMISIA, HSBC Bank, Cortina nv, Enfants de la Rue du Vietnam, Stad Kortrijk, Enfants Tiers Monde, GROS Schilde, Stad Antwerpen, Over Betuwe College, SD Worx, Vereniging De Brug, Olala Vietnam Co., Share4More, Voeten in de Aarde, Eureko Achmea Foundation, Nacht van de fooi, Rotary Nijmegen, Impulsis, Delta Lloyd, Multi Triathlon Team Aalsmeer, and Raab Karcher.

We would also like to thank all individuals that have made a donation to support us in our work.

How You Can Get Involved.....

Over the past 13 years EFD has worked closely with the community to increase awareness on the educational needs of disadvantaged children and youth and to improve and expand our services. If you are interested in finding out more ways to support EFD please contact

admin@educationfordevelopment.org

Some areas that individuals or companies can support EFD include;

- Corporate partnerships
- Hosting fundraising events
- Employee giving
- Volunteering
- Becoming an Advocate of EFD
- In kind donations
- On line donation
- Donations directly to our bank account

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